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SUBJECT: SUBJECT: RUMORS OF BOKASSA'S RESIGNATION

1. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT RUMORS HERE OVER PAST FEW WEEKS REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF BOKASSA STEPPING ASIDE AND HANDING OVER EFFECTIVE POWER TO SOMEONE ELSE. ACCORDING TO ONE STORY, HE WAS TO HAVE DONE SO WHEN HE WAS MADE MARSHAL LAST MONTH BUT RENEGED AT LAST MOMENT. A LATER VERSION SETS DATE FO JUNE 20, WITH BOKASSA TO LEAVE COUNTRY FOR SWITZERLAND. NOT CLEAR WHO HIS OSTENSIBLE SUCCESSOR MIGHT BE, BUT FORMER PRESIDENT DAKO HAS FIGURED TIN SPECULATION. ALSO NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANY SUCH RESIGNATION WOULD BE FOR PERSONAL REASONS OR AS A RESULT OF PRESSURES FROM HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES IN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT WISH TO BURDEN DEPARTMENT WITH RUMORS BUT THEIR VERY PERSISTENCE MAKES THEM WORTHY OF SOME ATTENTION. IF NOTHING ELSE, THEY INDICATE CONTINUING RATHER UNEASY ATMOSPHERE HERE FOLLOWING BOKASSA'S NATIONALIZATIONS AND OTHER ANTI-FRENCH MEASURES LAST MONTH.
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